

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 34 to 41 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and substitute new Claims 42 to 46 therefor, as follows:

1. to 41. (Cancelled)

Please add Claims 42 to 46, as follows:

42. (New) A light scanning apparatus comprising:

a first lens barrel portion, which holds a first laser element;

a second lens barrel portion of which an optical axis is slanted with respect to an optical axis of said first lens barrel portion, a part of a side wall of said second lens barrel portion being shared with a part of a side wall of said first lens barrel portion, and said second lens barrel portion holding a second laser element;

a first lens provided at a tip of said first lens barrel portion;

a second lens provided at a tip of said second lens barrel portion;

plural lens supporting portions, which support parts of circumferential surfaces of said first and second lenses, except at a position in which the circumferential surfaces of said first and second lenses are close to each other; and

a rotary polygonal mirror positioned for common scanning of first and second laser beams respectively emitted from said first and second laser elements.

43. (New) A light scanning apparatus according to Claim 42, wherein said first and second lenses are bonded to said lens supporting portions.

44. (New) A light scanning apparatus according to Claim 42, wherein said first and second laser elements are fixed to a common electric substrate.

45. (New) A light scanning apparatus according to Claim 42, wherein laser beams emitted from said first and second laser elements have an inclination relationship with each other so as to come close to each other.

46. (New) A light scanning apparatus according to Claim 42, further comprising an optical case which houses said first and second lens barrel portions and said rotary polygonal mirror.